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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 and 15-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 11-14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: ____.

In response to applicant's filing dated November 21, 2003, the following action is taken:

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-10 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 2000-285611.

Applicant's claimed invention is broadly cited that the claims merely read on scrambling data on a recording medium for security and preventing illegal copying or reading of the disk. The examiner is relying on a machine English translation of the JP documents.

The reference shows an optical disk recording apparatus performing a specific logic arithmetic operation using recorded data and circulating data. The data obtained by the logic arithmetic operation (elements) 127 and 106 is recorded on the disk and decoded by the decoder.

With respect to the limitation of claim 2 see fig 6 showing an exclusive OR operation.

With respect to the limitation of claim 4. The abstract shows the use of an inverted and non-inverted signals.

With respect to the limitation of claim 5 see fig 5.

With respect to the limitation of claim 6 see figs 1A and 1B elements 104, 126 and 125.

With respect to the limitations of claims 7-10. The reference is drawn to an optical disk wherein the address and data signals are scrambled differently as explained in figs 1A and 1B.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 2000-285611 in view of JP 2001-143270.

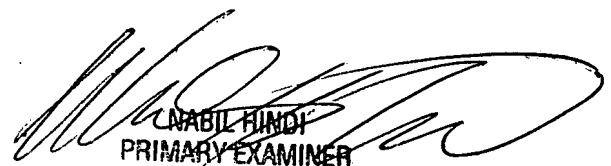
The primary reference discloses the invention as analyzed above. However the reference does not disclose the use of a different cyclic data for security area and data area. The secondary reference discloses the use of different scrambling data for security data and data area of the disk as cited in the abstract for the purpose of securing data on the disk. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the teachings of the secondary reference and modify the primary reference. Such modification of scrambling different data differently for security data and user data is within the engineering capability of one skilled in the art in order to add up another layer of security on the disk for the purpose of protecting the disk content. Thus one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to use the teachings of the secondary reference for the purpose of preventing illegal copying or access of the data on the disk.

Claims 11-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

None of the cited prior art shows the use of nullifying section operation as claimed with respect to the logic arithmetic operation.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. 6526010.

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